



MICHIGAN  
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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Military and Veteran Affairs

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Tuesday, February 21, 2017                      12:00 Noon                      Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

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The Chair laid before the committee the Speaker's appointment letter.

The Clerk read the following letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tom Leonard, to Gary L. Randall, Clerk of the Michigan House of Representatives:

January 26, 2017

Mr. Gary L. Randall, Clerk  
Michigan House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I appoint the following Members of the 99th Legislature to the Standing Committees for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session:

**Military and Veterans Affairs**

Reps. Wentworth (C), Graves (Maj. VC), Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo (Min. VC), Brinks, Byrd, Elder, Jones

Sincerely,

Tom Leonard, Speaker  
Michigan House of Representatives

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones. (13/13)**  
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee Chapter IV of the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives in Accordance with the Michigan Constitution Article IV, Section 16.

The Chair made the members aware the House Standing Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs will follow the Uniform Committee Rules, Rule 34, adopted by the House of Representatives on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, and "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" as the operating rules for this committee.

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The Chair laid before the committee Rule 33 (5), to adopt a meeting schedule.

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**Representative Graves moved to adopt Tuesday at 12:00 noon in Room 327 of the House Office Building as the day, time and location for the regular meeting schedule for the House Standing Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting therefor by yeas and nays as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barret, Glenn, Albert, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones. (12/13)**

**Nays: None. (0)**

The meeting schedule was adopted.

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The Chair asked each committee member to introduce himself or herself.

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The Chair laid before the committee a presentation given by the American Legion Department of Michigan.

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations director for the American Legion Department of Michigan, introduced the following individuals to the committee members:

Marilyn Britten, Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the American Legion of Michigan;

Jack G. Devine, Legislative Director for the Vietnam Veterans of America Michigan State Council;

Kevin D. Magin, Legislative Director for the Department of Michigan Marine Corps League;

Rob Price, Director of Targeted Outreach in the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency in the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Mr. Sutton, briefed the members on what the American Legion and other veteran service groups do for Michigan's veterans. Copies of Mr. Sutton's handouts are attached.

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There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Graves moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:47 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Jason Wentworth, Chair

House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee